

Downtown Revitalization Committee
Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Newington Town Hall

- I. **Roll Call:** Members Present were: Chairman McBride, Mrs. Cohen, Mr. Gerhart, Mr. Lenares and Mr. Shields.

Others Present: Town Engineer, Anthony Ferraro and Town Planner, Ed Meehan.

II. **Minutes**

Mrs. Cohen moved the Committee minutes for October 18, 2010, be approved as presented, seconded by Mr. Gerhart and approved.

III. **Market Square Streetscape Options**

Committee Discussion of Special Meeting Workshop November 8, 2010.

The consensus of the Committee was to continue to maintain two way traffic flow on Market Square, eight foot width sidewalks, (add three (3) feet to each side) ten (10) foot parking, and twelve (12) foot travel lanes.

Chairman McBride requested that the Committee put forth a motion to formalize its consensus.

Mr. Gerhart moved that the Committee maintain the two way traffic flow pattern on Market Square with eight (8) foot sidewalks, ten (10) foot parking and twelve (12) foot travel lanes, seconded by Mr. Lenares and approved.

Chairman McBride noted that this stage of the project is still exploratory and the direction of the Committee is to have the consultant prepare the preferred design option and provide cost estimates and pricing options.

The Committee discussed the two hour parking limit on Market Square and the numerous comments from businesses that this needs to be addressed. Members requested that staff pass along to the Town Manager a request that the Police Department enforce the two-hour parking limit on Market Square.

IV. **Public Participation**

Rose Lyons observed that the businesses on Market Square seem to want the Town to "clean up" the street improvements that make it safer, not necessarily spend \$1.5 million.

Other items that need to be improved are signage, designated handicapped parking spaces, and the Webster Bank driveway.

V. **Adjournment**

Chairman McBride reminded the members that the next Committee meeting will be December 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Shields moved the Committee adjourn seconded by Mr. Lenares. The meeting ended at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted,

Edmund J. Meehan
Town Planner

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